



ROMSEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

PRESS RELEASE

Society calls for views on proposed work of art

The Romsey & District Society wants to hear what local people think about proposals for a work of art in Church Place to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Town's Charter in 2007.

The Society has short-listed two artists to produce drawings and/or models of their ideas, and these will be on display in King John's House alongside an exhibition of local artists' work. The show runs from Saturday August 13 to Thursday August 25th, from 10 to 4 each day. Feedback forms will be available.

The design brief for the artists called for a work to celebrate the spirit of Romsey, highlighting the long and close relationship between the town and the river Test.

"We have two excellent proposals," says TVBC Councillor Clive Collier, who is leading the Society's working group on the project, "and we want to hear what Romsey people think of them."

The granting of a Charter in 1607 meant that the King, by a written document, had created the Borough of Romsey. From that date, through its Mayor and Corporation, Romsey had its own local administration, with special powers and responsibilities to ensure that its roads and bridges were kept up, that the local poor were looked after and that the town was generally in good order. With the borough status also came the election of a Member of Parliament, who was able to voice local concerns in Westminster. So this was a turning point in the history of the town which will be marked by a series of events in 2007 led by the Town Council.

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